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March 13, 2008
MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Dave Blair opened the meeting with introductions. MCA pointed out the anti-trust policy included with the attendance sheet, and reminded members to read and abide by the policy.

OLD BUSINESS ISSUES

1. Seal Coat Warranty. MDT is updating the warranty administration guide and will include photos of snowplow and tire chain damage. It is not MDT's intent to hold Contractors responsible for this type of damage. The updated guide will be out in a few weeks. [This item will remain on the agenda if the guide is distributed and MCA has comments or questions]

2. Commercial Mix. MCA had comments regarding the status of the Commercial Mix Special Provision. In particular, MCA expressed concerns over potential testing inconsistencies between project managers requiring Hamburg testing on small quantity jobs such as BR's. MDT responded that Project Managers will be given guidelines to ensure consistency and that they typically would not require a Hamburg during production unless there is a problem. MDT responded that they are currently making final revisions and should have the final version posted on the internet within a couple of weeks. MDT will send a copy of the final to MCA. [This item will be removed from the agenda]

3. Force Account. MDT presented the changes that are proposed (out for review last month) regarding force account work. MCA and MDT agreed that a daily log documenting force account work (quantities, labor, equipment, etc) should be discussed and completed daily. MDT will not have the Contractor sign the daily report. MDT stressed that the contractor and the project manager should communicate and come to agreement on a daily basis to avoid discrepancies. Contractors have dispute resolution options the same as any other contract item. [This item will be removed from the agenda]

4. Temporary vs. Interim Striping. MDT is continuing to work on a specification revision. [This item will be removed from the agenda until a proposed draft is issued]

5. State Optioned Sources. MDT stated they are still reviewing state optioned sources for materials on applicable projects. One pilot project was identified but it may be pushed out to the future. [This item will remain on the agenda]

6. Compaction. MDT presented data compiled from 2006 and 2007 which suggested a negative trend in density incentives and an increase in ride incentives. MDT is concerned that contractors are sacrificing compaction for ride. MDT is looking into combining volumetrics, density and ride incentive requirements so Contractors will not neglect compaction. MDT will continue to monitor this trend [This item will remain on the agenda]

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MDT NEW BUSINESS

1. New Specification Revisions. MDT announced that eleven specification changes and one standard special were sent out for review as of March 3, 2008. MDT briefly explained each proposed specification change. No consensus was determined since the comment period will be open until March 31, 2008.

Specifications out for Comment

105.15.2	<i>Final Inspection (combined)</i>
105.15.3	<i>Final Acceptance (combined)</i>
108.07.1	<i>Calendar Date Contracts (combined)</i>
109.08	<i>Final Estimate (combined)</i>
202.03.1	Removal of Substructures
556.03.1	Prequalification (Steel Fabricators)
618.03.7	Crossing, Entering and Using Roadways (On Hold)
618.03.11	Traffic Control for Seal Coat Operations
702.01	Bituminous Materials (Cement Test on SS-1)
702.02	Testing and Acceptance (Table 702-2 CRS-2P Tolerances)
714.08	Epoxy Pavement Marking Material

Standard Special Provision

[618] Motorcycle Advisory Signs

2. Traffic Control. MDT announced that FHWA does not allow for payment for work outside the project limits. This includes traffic control for material sources. [This item will be removed from the agenda]

3. MCS Design Build Project. MDT announced that they are in the process of letting a MCS design-build project. RFQ's will be advertised 3-13-08. MDT hopes to let more MCS related design-build projects in the future dependant on funding. {This item will be removed from the agenda]

MCA NEW BUSINESS

1. Piling. MCA is submitting a request for MDT to clarify the specifications so Contractors will know what pile driving hammer is required. MDT agreed to evaluate the proposal and will consult with the Construction Bridge reviewers and Bridge Bureau. [This item will remain on the agenda if the proposal from MCA is received]

The next meeting will be April 9, 2008, at 10:00 AM at MCA office in Helena